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Great Assizes :

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General Day of J U D G M E N T.

Being the laying forth the State of man in Righteousness, and the cursed condition of the Wicked.

And the Accounts that every Man must give at the General Resurrection.

I am the Resurrection and the Life, he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live.
John 11. 25.

Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first Resurrection, on such the second death hath no Power, but they shall be Priests of God and Christ and reign with him a thousand years, Rev. 20,6.

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To the Reader.

Christian Reader;

Here present to your view a most excellent work of the General Day of Judgment, I desire you to read it over, and lay it to heart what is here inserted; it will shew you the joys of Heaven and the pains of Hell: and also the State of the Righteous and of the wicked; shewing likewise the carefulness you ought to have of your souls, while you live in this Transitory life, and so to seek to God, as that you may know him, and reign with him for evermore: Amen. And so hoping the same may work spiritually in you, I for the same shall pray, and rest.

Your friend in Christ, VV. K. B. of A.

Give ear unto this call for Doom,
And light your Lamps of Oyl;
It is not long e're God will come
Un'wares and take the spoyl.

Then watch, & pray, good Christians all
For know you, God is just:

The Righteous unto Heaven he'll call,
To Hell the Wicked thrust. Revel.

Revel. 20. 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15.

And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be let loose out of Prison. And shall go out to deceive the Nations which are in the four quarters of the Earth; Gog & Magog to gather them together to battel: The number of whom is as the sand of the Sea. And they went upon the breadth of the earth, & compassed the camps of the saints about, & the beloved City, & fire came down from Heaven & devoured them. And the devil that deceived them was cast into the Lake of fire and Brimstone, where the beasts & false Priests are, & shall be tormented day & night for ever. And I saw a great white Throne, and him that sate one it, from whose face the earth and Heaven fled away, & there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead great & small stand before God, and the books were opened and another book was opened, which was the book of life, & the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books according to their works. And the Sea gave up her dead which were in it, & death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them, and they were judged every man according to his works. And death and hell was cast into the Lake of Fire: and whosoever was not found in the book of life, was cast into the lake of fire.

Christian friends, of what degree soever,
I beg of you all for Christ's sake, and the
good of your own souls, to spend one half
hour in reading over this small book, or ten to

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hear the reading of it : let me insteate you not to
neglect so great salvation, and lay by all your busi-
ness affaires to hear the coming of Christ, of the
great day of judgment, which is now even at the
door, throw by all to prepare the Lamps of oil
against his coming ; for his appearance is a glory
to them that fear him, but it will be a terrible
day to the wicked, according to my text of scri-
pture before laid down. Satan is now loose in the
world, he deceives four parts of the earth : yea,
Gog & Magog he gathers together, whose num-
ber is as the sands of the Sea ; yea, he compasses
the Camps of the Saints, and the beloved City,
so he like a flying Locust, both corrupt Gods peo-
ple against the great Assizes to condemn them,
when fire shall fall from Heaven and devour the
wicked, and the devil that deceived the false Pro-
phets of the world, shall be cast into the Lake of
this fire and brimstone with them : Then shall
Christ sit in judgment and power, and his Saints
with him, judging the twelve tribes of Israel,
and the dead small and great shall rise & receive
according to their works : and whosoever be not
found in the book of life, shall be cast into the lake
of fire and brimstone for ever, where shall
be weeping & gnashing of Teeth : But the right-
eous shall never see this, he shall rejoice when he
seeth the vengeance, he shall wash his feet with
blood of the wicked, so that many shall say, There
is a reward for the Righteous, verily he is a Gol-

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that judgeth the Earth, Psalm 58. 10. 11.

Oh hearken, I beseech you, and repent you of your former sins; in what condition will than man be, whose Words are not good? A fearful thing it is to lose Heaven, to obtain Hell, to lose the favour of God, & to be cursed with the Devil, to lie in torments for ever: rent your hearts, and not your garments, turn to the Lord all yours that are heavy laden, if your sins are as red as scarlet, he will make them as white as Snow (saith the Lord of Hosts) I do not desire the death of a Sinner, but rather would have you repent and live. Dearly beloved Friends, the Lord doth not desire you to go astray, but to obey his Call while it is open unto you, for after death comes judgment; there is no deferring your Duty of Repentance. To day if you will hear his voice, hardon not your hearts: To morrow is another day, and who knows what a day brings forth? Lye not wallowing in your Corruption like to beasts; for the day of slaughter is nigh: a just reward is prepared for the wicked: The punishment of Hell might affright you, but only you are a people of very hard mental, misbelieving of the Scriptures, like to the Scribes and Pharisees; but if like to them an yonda evil, you must partake of their punishment: Also I say, how glorious a sight is the coming of Christ to the Righteous! For at the Resurrection, God will wipe away all

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Tears from your Eyes , and there shall be no
more Death , neither Sorrow nor Crying , ne-
ther shall there be any Pain to thee for the
former things are past away ; but the Fearful ,
and Unbelieving , and the Abominable , and
Murthers , and Whore-mongers , and Sorcer-
ers , and Idolaters , and all Liars , shall have
their part in the Lake which burneth with fire
and Brimstone , which is the second death , and
terriblest , Revel. 21, 48. It makes a reason-
able Christian go out of his wits to think of the
terrible punishment of Hell : Strive therefore
I beseech you , to enter in at the straight Gate ;
For many I say unto you , will strive to enter in ,
but shall not be able : Matt. 7, 13. For , when
once the Master is risen up , and hath shut to
the door , and ye begin to stand without , and
to knock at the door , saying , Lord , Lord , open
to us ; but the Lord will answer , I know you not
whence you are , depart from me all ye workers of
iniquity , Luke 13. 25. 27. Oh what a dismal
Sentence is this , to be deprived of the
Joys of Heaven , and the presence of Christ ,
wherein is all fulness of Joy , lacking nothing ,
and rest and peace for evermore . Consider the
Lillies how they grow , they toyl not , they spin
not , and yet , I say unto you , Solomon in all his
Glory was not arrayed like one of these : If
God so then cloath the Grass , which is to day
in the field , and to morrow is cast into an Oven

and how much more will he cloath you ; & you
of little faith : Luke 12, 17, 18. O consider my
dear friends, and be better grounded towards
God and true Faith, through Jesus Christ.
you see, and know, that God is able to
let you want for nothing, so you will but
serve him. Mark what God saith in Ezekiel
33. 4, 5. Whosoever heareth the sound of a
Trumpet, and takes not warning, if the Sword
come and take him away, his Blood shall be
upon his own Head ; but he that taketh warning,
delivereth his own Soul. I beseech you, friends,
now you hear this day the sound of God in your
ears, take warning hereby, prepare for the
coming of Christ in the Courts of Heaven
to Judgment ; For assuredly, that man that
is found unprepared at that day, will be in a
most damnable Condition, they shall burn as
an Oven ; yea, and all the Proud, and all
that do wickedly shall be as Stubble, and the
Day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the
Lord : that is, shall not leave neither Root nor
branch ; but unto them that fear my name, saith
God, Shall the Son of Righteousness arise with
healing in his Wings, and they shall tread down
the Wicked, for you shall be as Athes under the
soles of your Feet, Mal. 4, 1, 2, 3. We have
great cause to work out our salvation with fear
and trembling. What man would run himself
in danger, when he may escape it ? Be not idle,

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Dear Friends, but spare of your ordinary language
To muse of the Word of GOD, for great is
the reward of the Righteous in Heaven, John 3.18.
Love you your Enemies, and do good, and
lending unto the needy, hoping for none in
gain, and your reward shall be great, and
you shall be Children of the highest, Luke 5.25.
See all the manner of Christ's coming at
Judgment: The Lord himself shall descend
from Heaven with a shout, with the noise of
the Arch-Angel, with the Trump of God, and
those which dyed in Christ shall rise first: Then
we that are alive and remain, shall be caught
up with them together in the Clouds to meet
the Lord in the Air, and so we shall ever be
with the Lord. 1 Thes. 4, 16, 17, 18. But the
day and hour knoweth no man, therefore watch
and pray for the coming of Christ, for it will
overtake you as a Thief in the Night: Then
lose sleep not as do others, but watch, and be
sober: For they that sleep, sleep in the night,
and they that be drunken, be drunk in the night;
But let us who are of the Day be sober, put
ting on the Breast-plate of Faith and Love; and
for a Helmet, put on the Hope of Salvation:
And I beseech you, Brethren, to know them
that labour among you, and are over you in
the Lord; abstain from all Appearance of evil,
do good and not hurt, for he that diligently
seeketh good, procureth favour, but he that seek-

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y long hurt, provoketh shame, Prov. 11, 27. ~~for~~
it must needs be with the wicked, a perpetual
miserable thing for a Christian to be so simple,
d, to lose the presence of God, and his Glo-
rione Kingdom, to gain the intollerable lasting
, and Hell fire, and to be accompanied with De-
S. 23. illish Companions ; to fore-saw the Glorious
ing in light of Heaven, where is light for evermore,
escent obtain Hells obscure darkness ; to be be-
noise of life of Everlasting Joys, to suffer Perpetual
d, and Torments ; this is true, that these Torments
Then prepared for the Damned, which shall be
caught down to all those who are reserved for those
s more torments, by the most wrathful Indignati-
on before God, a just reward for the Wicked : For
out the with Job, Chap. 21, 30, The Wicked is refe-
watched to the Day of Destruction, they shall be
t will brought forth to the Day of Wrath. How
there is the Candle of the Wicked put out ? and
and he howe cometh their Destruction upon them ?
ight, They are as stubble before the Wind, and as
chaff that the storm carrieth away ; his eyes shall
see his destruction, and he shall drink the wrath of
the Almighty, Job 17, 18, 20. Strive to escape
his wrath of God, else will your own eyes see
them your sudden destruction come upon you ; is it
not better to serve God and be in safety, than
to serve the Devil, and be in utter destruction ?
This is true, Christian Friends, to prepare your
selves for the Day of Doom, for it is even at the
Door,

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the signs of Christ's coming doth sign
the same : For in the latter days there shall
wars, and rumours of wars, with great slau-
ter, blood touching blood, the Father against
Son, and the Son against the Father ; one hour
against the other, not knowing his friend
from his foe ; but the day is not yet.
The signs will be in Heaven and on Earth,
the notable day of the Lord cometh : The sun
shall be turned into blood, and the Sun shall
darkned, and forbear his shining : Young
men shall see Visions, Old men shall dream Dreams,
and divers notable signs will be before the day
of the Lord cometh, Acts 2, 19, 30. These
are the Signs of the coming of Christ, and
the General Resurrection when the Lord
shall appear in the Clouds, with magnifi-
cent Glory, coming in the Aire with
Saints, judging the Twelve Tribes of Israel.
But when this is accomplished, there will
be Peace and Safety, but then cometh sudden
Destruction as a Thief in the night : Therefore
Christian Friends, Watch, and Pray, for ye
know not at what hour the Son of Man com-
eth : You see, and have heard, and know, that
most of these things are accomplished, and
are now in peace and safety, and you know not
how suddenly destruction may come upon you.
Pray, pray, for the Lord's coming, it is even
at the door, it cannot be far off : For our An-
ticipations

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Others have writ that the World shoulde last
Ages, that is to say, not six Thousand
years, for the longest liver was Methusalah,
which lived nine hundred sixty and nine years,
and then dyed, Gen. 5. 27. His Age sic tunc
etiam makes it appear, that the last day is not
off us, but will be accomplished in the year
of the Creation, to the year of the Lords
Resurrection, 5886. But then the Apostle tes-
tifies, & writes in the book of the Acts, In the days
not shortned, there shall be no flesh saved.
Beloved, is to put you off from knowing
the day of the Lords coming; be careful, good
people, to prepare your selves, do not think with
Scoffers of the World, that God will not
come; or like the Sadducers, and false Prophets,
holding in damnable Doctrine of Heresie; But
indeed, many shall follow their pernicious ways,
for reaon of whom the way of Truth shall be
spoken of, 1 Pet. 2. 2. If God therefore
spared not the Angels that sinned, but cast
them down to Hell, and delivered them into
pains of darkness, to be reserved unto Judgment,
much more will he reserve the fire of Hell
for the extortional Sinners of the World;
He spared not the whole world, but dyed it, leav-
ing eight persons, bringing the Floods upon a
world of the ungodly; so also shall Fire and
limestone burn upon the wicked, and leave them
over hot noy Branch; The Lord also turned
the

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the City of Sodom and Gomorrah unto whom
condemned them with an overthrow, making
an Example to all those that ever after shall
live ungodly, and deliver just Lot, who was
 vexed with the filthy Conversation of the wicked : So will God do at the Judgment Day,
 he will sever the wicked from the Righteous
 and show upon them everlasting Torment.
 We in England do as justly deserve sudden Destruction, as did the Cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, for there was not any one sin reigned there, but it is as frequently here : the Sin of
 Pride never reigned more than it doth at this Hour, both in the City and Country : he
 that is cloathed over with a badge of gallantry,
 to what profit is it to be as Dives was in the
 Gospel, to dwell in a sumptuous Building,
 wear rare Apparel, to fare delicately every day,
 to have all the Delights that the World could afford him, to be in damnable Torments for ever,
 be content, and strive not, dear friends to gain
 this to lose Heaven ; for the glory of the World
 is as nothing to the Glory of God : Besides, it
 so aboundeth, in number it is more than the
 Hands of the Sea : Sodom had not the sins we
 have : Why therefore, O God, are we not
 destroyed ? O God, thou art infinite in mercy
 and truth ; sparing thy people, willing their
 amendment of life. But I will present to your
 view, what sins are now in growth at this present

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At this time, first, reigns **Pride**, **Covetousness**,
Malice, **Envy**, **Hatred** in all abundance, besides
the most damnable sins of cursing and swearing,
drunkenness, whoredom and divers other
vices, which are weights to weigh a sinner down
to Hell. O, dear Friends, put from you **Sin**,
which is the main thing which keeps you from
Heaven; yea, you take delight in sinning, to
fill the Lusts thereof: you think, when you
eat and drink it in Taverns, you do a good work, when
you hurt both Soul and Body; you vapour, and
sin, and pollute your selves when you should be meek, and
at the Holy; you drink Beer, and Wine to excess,
when you should be sober; besides running to
eternal Lusts, when you should be Chaste; us
ing, letting your mouths speak guile. Acting
abominably to the Face of God; and
in the practise of sin you run continually,
not thinking of the terrible day of judgment,
mighty terrible will it be to the Wicked:
Who will be able to stand before the Righteous
Judge, who judges in truth & righteousness,
according to the work of every mans doing? In
such a sad condition, my friends, are you, to
be judged according to your doings? Nowe I
 behove you all to habe a care of your sins
: If your work be bad you must receive the
reward of punishments: If your works be
good, your case will be happy at the general day of
Judg.

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Judgments. After Life there is no place
your Case, for your Case is before him now,
are either recorded in the book of Life
Death; there is no Lawyers to plead for you.
There is none of your earthly friends can
the Ransom of your Souls; in what a Vile
misery are you plunged at this Hour! The
Hil is on the one side of you, again, the won
Sentence is past to bring you to eternal Pa
nation; your own Conscience on the other
witnessing against you of all the hidden sin
sins, which you in your life time have com
ted; the Wrath of Gods Fury hangs over
his scourging Rod, which will torment
Hell lies under you, ready to swallow you
whence the most Damnable Torments of
have prepared for the Wicked, then all
mities, sorrows, and hellish Torments pres
at once, and compass you about on every side
the loss of Heaven and the presence of Hell
is a hellish Torment, without any other Tor
ment with the loss of the profitable Love of
in the Glass thereof; besides, to be puni
in the flames of Hell for evermore, where
is weeping and gnashing of Teeth, Mat. 25.
and when he Son of man shall come in his
and all the holy Angels with him and before
shall be gathered all Nations together, and
shall separate them one from another as a
herd divideth his Sheep from his Goats,

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shall set the Sheep on the Right Hand, and
the Goats on the Left: And to the Righteous he
will say, Come ye blessed of my Father, in-
to the Kingdom of GOD prepared for you
from the beginning; but to the Wicked he saith,
you Cursed into Everlasting Fire, prepa-
red for the Devil and his Angels, Matthew 25.

32, 33, 34. Lo, these shall go away into
Everlasting Punishment, and the Righteous
into Life Eternal.

Dear Brethren, the way to escape these pun-
ishments dependeth on two things, that is
to fear God, and keep the commands of God,
which are also lost in your self, Redeemed by
Christ. What Christians in the World would
not endanger themselves of death, for the gaining
of this trifling matter? Run into Hell, and forsake
Heaven; falling into eternal misery, and might
miss an Eternal Glory.

I wold tell you worldly Men, that makes
of your Riches, pinching and grinding them
for gain. It will be easier for a Camel
to go through the Eye of a Needle, than for
a Rich man to enter into Life eternal. But
it is not unto uncertain Riches, now lay up no
certain Riches in store for the morrow, but lay
up Riches in Heaven, where neither Rust can
corrupt, and a place where is all Felicity,
Peace, and Joy, and eternal Happiness; where
you are poor and needy, and turn not from them
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for, know ye, what is given to the poor by charitable Friends, is lent to the Lord, and your reward will be great in the Kingdom of heaven. But such covetous worldly men that will not relieve the oppressed, but lay up their gains in the Gospel, that was suddenly taken from his Riches, and endangered himself of everlasting Damnation. Lay up no treasure on earth, neither take care for any thing, for so much as thou mayest go to thy Grave. Then happy is that hath laid up his treasure in Heaven to all eternity, where moth nor rust cannot corrupt, thieves break through, nor steal; for Heaven and Earth must pass away, and fly from the presence of God, but not one tittle of the Gospel of Christ shall pass away.

O England, beware of God's heavy judgments and severe Judgment against thee, for rebellious sinning against him: The wrath will consume thee, without speedy recompence; he hath stretched out his Hand of judgment on the Land, as a toll to the day of judgment; and it shall come to pass, saith the Lord, at that day I will search with Candles, and punish all men that are settled on their Leas, that say with a bold heart, the Lord will not do good, neither will he do evil; therefore their Goods shall become a curse, and their houses a desolation; they shall not build houses, but not inhabit them; they shall

not Wineyards, but not drink the Wine therent.
The great Day of the Lord is near, and hasteneth
unto us; even the Voice of the day of the Lord:
that mighty men shall cry then bitterly; that
is a Day of wrath, a Day of trouble and
distress, a Day of blasting and Desolation; a
Day of Darkness and glooming; a day of Clouds
and thick darkness; a Day of Trumpeting and
shouting against the fenced Cities, and against
the high Towers; and distress it will bring
upon wicked men, that they shall walk like blind
men, because they have sinned against the Lord,
and their blood shall be poured out as Dirt, and
their flesh as the Dung; neither their Silver
nor Gold shall be able to deliver them in
day of the Lords wrath: Give gods regard to
you Rich men, who, like the great fishes
of the Sea, eat up the poor and small fishes; like
the Lord speaks of, Micah 6. 12. 15. The
rich men are full of Violence. Shall I account
in pure that use a false Balance, with hags of
wretched weights? Now, I rather account them
miserers of the poor; and at this general day,
cannot be able to stand before the Judgment seat
of Christ, but will by his own conscience be p'rt
from the presence of God; wishing the Hills
will cover him, and hide him from the presence of
the Almighty; but when that the word of Sen-
tence is past, he must depart to the Lake of fire
they went burthened for ever, where there is weeping
and

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and gnashing of Teeth, from which place, o
mighty God, deliver us : But if a man
be willing to lose his life, to save it, he
arrive at his desired haven, which is the hanc
ly Jerusalem, and glorious Throne of Christ.
mystically it was put for those Prophets
John in the Revelations, Revel. 21, 9. 10,
And there came unto me one of the seven Angels
and talked with me, saying, Come hither; &
he carried me away in the Spirit to a great
high Mountain, and shewed me the great
City descending out of Heaven from God, having
the Glory of God : And her light was like
a Stone most precious, even like a Jasper
as clear as Crystal : And had a wall great
high, and had Twelve Gates, and at the
Twelve Angels, which are the number of
Twelve Tribes of the Children of Israel : The
Gates on the North, three on the South,
on the West, and three on the East : And
Wall of the City had Twelve Foundations,
in them the names of the twelve Apostles of
Lamb, And the City lyeth four square; in
length, and the breadth, and the height of it in
equal; the building of the wall of it was of
pearl, and the City was pure Gold, like unto
glass, the foundations of it were garnished
precious stones: & the twelve gates were made
Pearls: And the Streets of the City was
Gold, as it were transparent Glass, and no

is therein , for the Lord God Almighty, and
the Lamb are the Temple of it. This City of
Heaven hath no need of the Light of the Sun,
neither of the Moon : for the Glory of God and the
Lamb is the light thereof : And also there pro-
udgeth out of the Throne of God , and of the
Lamb, a pure River of Water of Life, clear
as Chrystral ; and in the midst of the street was
the Tree of Life, which bears twelve manner of
fruits, and yieldeth her fruit every month ; and
the Leaves of the Tree were for the healing of
the Nations ; there is no light there, and they
need no Candle, neither light of the Sun; for the
Lord God giveth them light ; and they shall reign
for ever and ever. These sayings, my friends,
are faithful and true ; for the Lord God hath
sworn to his Servants the thing which must
shortly be done.

Oh beloved, consider the Glory of this Hea-
venly Jerusalem ; no man is able to imagine
or conceive the Wisdom of God, and the Ho-
nor and Glory of the Lamb, and his auerous
Throne, which is the Portion of the Righte-
ous, and their greatest reward : For behold
saith God, I come quickly, and my Reward is
with me, to give to every man according to his
Works. What are our works by which we must
be judged ; Oh base and filthy , far worse than
the Beasts of the fields, we work nothing
that's good , we act mischief continually , to the

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Face of God, by our most debauched swearing
and cursing, whoredom, and drunkenness,
and covetousness, extortion, idolatry,
deceitful living, and murmuring at the hand
works of God : But lo, the portion of the
wicked men is to be burned in a Lake of fire
which burneth for ever and ever : They will be
tormented with the memory of the things past
present, and to come : The rich man will rememb
of his felicity that is past, his punishment
present, and his intollerable torment to come
You Rich men be convinced, but make no boast
God of your Riches, but make good use
your Talent which God hath lent you : Persevere
thou a King, Rule in peace, and execute judgment
with mercy, spread forth the Gospel of
CHRIST throughout thy whole Dominion
And you Judges and Magistrates, in thine
Judge equity and right, give justice to the
Poor, as well as to the Rich : Let not the bal
lance of wickedness out-weigh the book of the
Life : nor hide nothing from God, for his all-
seeing Eye doth bring secret things to a clear
Light ; for what is done in your secret Chamber
will be proclaimed on the House-top : You
Lawyers, recall your selves to remembrance
what Law is ; let not handfuls of Gold and
Silver carry you from a righteous cause : Beware
still pleaders for the Poor, and redeem them from
an earthly bondage, and your Saviour will re
ceive you into his Kingdom

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bring mead for you, and judge you accordingly at the
Great Assizes, and condemn you. But, you Si-
nners of God, measure out the fruit of Right-
eousness to the people; sound forth the Gob-
let with boldness, rehearse nothing but sound
Scripturine, which proceeds from the Spirit of
all Truth; and be as a shining light by our Zeal,
and Conversion: And lay aside all Supersti-
tition, Popery, Schism, or Heresie, which hath
entred Destruction in the Land. And lastly, to
cure you people in general, of what degree soever,
not your opinion, take these few Rules and Admoni-
tions, before I end, or quite conclude my
Book, to you Learned, leach you the Scrip-
tures, and you will find me not to diminish the
Word of God the Law of the Lord: Then pray
unto him, and follow what you find writ in the Old
and New Testament, and to you, ignorant peo-
ple, I advise you to learkan to the Learned,
and to these that preach the Gospel, and what
command they command unto you, and lay it to heart: and
work out your salvation with fear and trem-
bling.

First, seek to find God in your hearts, then
to learn to know him and be acquainted with him:
but if you never seek to know him, how could
you ever think to live with him? You think
to see him in your hearts, how should you know him, that
you never beheld with your Mortal Eyes: no
friends, you must see him spiritually, and not
corporally.

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corporally : For no mortal Eye is able to behold his exceeding Magnificent Glory ; He is Christ in the Faith, because he should believe. But for all this, yea, for all the means he will use, we will not believe him : yet you say, we will believe there is a GOD : But wherein do you believe ? For if you believe aright, how can you to offend so great a God ? No, my friends, if you believe aright, you'll seek to please him and not offend him, but fear his Judgments and trust in his mercy : For he is slow to anger and of great kindness. Therefore beloved friends, abide with me, with these sayings : Fear God and keep his Commandments : And then you may hope to believe aright ; prepare your selves against the great day of the Lord ; for unto you that fear my name, it will be a day of Joy, and rejoicing, a day of felicity, mirth and gladness, with eternal Bliss ; When the wicked man shall lye and be cursed with Curses, the Plagues of Hell tormenting him, the memory of things past oppressing him, the howling of fearful Devils affrighting him, the heavy weight and curse of God hanging over him : and worst of all, the everlasting Torments to come, which do strike him into everlasting despair : Truly old rains are wonderful to be endured were we but to sit still a month, and never move, to lye in prison seven years, to have your hands in fire for an hour, to be starved

The Great Afflites: Or, 357
Death, is nothing to this unknowable Toy-
ment: Of our Earthly Toyment, the Toy-
mented by the Toymenter dyeth and hath all
eternity.

Now the Grace of our Magnificent God,
the Father, and the Glory of his Son our Sa-
uer, accompanied with the Holy Ghost, defend
us from Hell, and bring us to Heaven, to Reign
with him from everlasting to everlasting. Amen.

All Christian men, where e're you dwell,
prepare both great and small,
Seek to avoid the pains of Hell,
and find this Heavenly Hall.

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